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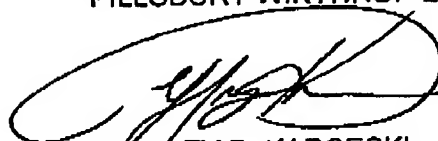
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Sir:

In response to the Requirement for Election of Species mailed November 30, 2004, Applicant elects the Species encompassing Figures 1-4 (Species a). Claims 1-6, 15-18 and 21 read on this species. Applicant withdraws, but does not cancel, the remaining claims (claims 7-14, 19-20 and 22) from further consideration at this time. Should the Examiner determine that one or more claims are generic, Applicant reserves the right to rejoin the withdrawn claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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